

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions of the claims with the following listing:

1. (Currently Amended) A symbol-bearing receptacle for a fluid, said receptacle comprising:

 a container for said fluid; and

 a transparent symbol disposed on said container, said symbol having a water reactivity that differs from a water reactivity of said container;

 wherein the difference in water reactivities renders said symbol visually distinct from said container when said container holds said fluid and when a temperature of said container is reduced to a condensation point in an environment where the receptacle is situated, due to the formation of condensation on at least a portion of said receptacle.

2. (Original) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 1, wherein said symbol is hydrophilic and said container is hydrophobic.

3. (Original) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 1, wherein said symbol is hydrophobic and said container is hydrophilic.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 1, wherein said symbol comprises a plastic film.

6. (Original) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 1, wherein said symbol comprises a silicone film.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 1, wherein said symbol is embedded in a surface of said container.

9-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 1, said container comprising a confined passageway disposed within a surface of the container.

22. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 21, said passageway configured for holding a coolant.

23-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A symbol-bearing receptacle for a fluid, said receptacle comprising:

a container for said fluid, the container comprising an open fluid receptacle formed of a base disposed upon a substrate and a wall affixed to and extending upwardly from said base; and

a transparent symbol disposed on said base and facing said substrate, said symbol having a water reactivity that differs from a water reactivity of said container;

wherein the difference in water reactivities renders said symbol visually distinct from said container when said container holds said fluid and when a temperature of said container is reduced to a condensation point in an environment where the receptacle is situated, due to the formation of condensation on at least a portion of said receptacle.

26. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 25, said symbol comprising a pattern that develops on a surface supporting said base due

to water condensation, when said container holds said fluid and said temperature is reduced to said condensation point.

27. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 25, said base comprising a material surrounding said symbol that is dissimilar to material forming said symbol.

28. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 27, wherein said material forming said symbol is hydrophilic and said material surrounding said symbol is hydrophobic.

29. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 27, wherein said material forming said symbol is hydrophobic and said material surrounding said symbol is hydrophilic.

30. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 25, further comprising a plurality of base extensions elevating said substrate from said base, wherein one or more of said base extensions form said symbol.

31. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 25, said container further comprising a confined passageway disposed within one or both of said base and said wall.

32. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 31, said confined passageway configured for holding a coolant.